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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a consumer who uses broadband residential phone and internet service from a small local company that uses UNEs to provide service. This company provides local jobs and excellent service consumers like me. The competition is critical for those of us who can not afford the high costs of service from the larger carriers who are petitioning to eliminate provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act.

Please reject the USTelecom petition! It will hurt residential and commercial consumers. We need the competition. I talk to friends in rural areas who still struggle to get service in their area. Years ago we were told that all of us including rural communities would have access to high speed internet access. This still has not occurred. Please do not reduce the competition that helps drive development of efficient faster services.

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